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For OPTICAL MODULE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 11 and 13 (a marked up version of claims 11 and 13 being appended hereto) and add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

At Sub 35

1 Claim 11 (amended). The optical module according to claim 9, wherein a side surface of said cap of said optical semiconductor element ad a side surface of said housing is at least partly covered with a casing, and a clearance therebetween is sealed with resin.

Sub 35

1 Claim 13 (amended). An optical module unit, comprising:

2 a plurality of optical modules arrayed in juxtaposition and covered with a single common casing, each of said optical modules in said plurality including an optical semiconductor element of a cap sealing type mounted on a housing to be aligned with an optical axis of at least one optical part contained in the housing, wherein an upper surface of a cap of said optical semiconductor element is bonded to an end face of said housing; and